GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VALIDITY OF ARMS LICENCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the State Governments including the National Capital Territory of Delhi for extending the validity of arms licences throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the guidelines are being complied within the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of arms licences which have been validated by the Government throughout the country during the period from 4 July,1989 to 31 December,1995?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per guidelines issued in 1995, requests for extending the area validity of Non Prohibited Bore arms licences are considered by the State Governments concerned on merits based on the recommendations of the District Magistrates concerned,keeping in view the law and order situation obtaining in the district/State and other local factors. In respects of Prohibited Bore arms licences, requests for extending the validity to cover the whole country are considered by the Ministry of Home Affairs on merits,in consultation with the State Governments and the security agencies concerned.

(c) & (d): Yes, sir.However, details of cases handled by the State Governments for grant of Non-Prohibited Bore licence or extension of area validity on all India basis are not compiled and maintained by the Central Government.

(e): The Central Government has issued 550 arms licences of All India validity under the existing policy of heirloom transfer, fresh licences, defence allottees and those recommended by State Governments for extension of area during the period under reference.